

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-42 are pending in the instant application. Claims 23-29 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30-35 and 37-42 are rejected. Claim 36 is objected to. Claim 30 has been amended and claim 36 has been cancelled. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 30-33 and 37-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dolphin (USP 5,601,091). Claims 34-35 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dolphin.

Claim 36 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). However, for purposes of expediting the prosecution of the present application, the Applicant has amended claim 30, as set forth above, to incorporate the limitations of objected to claim 36. The Applicant submits that claim 30 is, therefore, allowable. Claims 31-35 and 37-42 depend on claim 30 and are, consequently, also respectfully submitted to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all claims 30-35 and 37-42 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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